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Memo re request of Dade City
investigation for information on
B. Cabani:

1. a. Ramon Dom Estevan
- b. Rolando Masferrer Rojas
- c. Luciano Navee
- d. Jose de la Torrente
- e. Jose Quintana
- f. Joaquin Hernandez Cortez
- g. Manuel Artime
- h. Munk H

2. Two of the 3 Cabani mentioned in
Roselli (SSCP) testimony.

Two names mentioned in a 9 Dec
1970 Office of Security memo

v. No background investigation done on
Roselli or Francisco

vi. Sporadic contacts, direct and indirect
between Roselli & Agency officials up until
approx. 1971.

vii. O'Connell has always been informed
by Dade City

8. Office of Security has no such
evidence that Cuban Intelligence Service may have
been involved or Cuban agents in Miami area
during time of his death

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c. Released in March 1965 after serving
approx 16 months of a 20yr sentence
for anti-Castro plot; went to Spain
briefly where he was of interest to Mexico
- August 1965 entered US
- Nov 1965 to Jan 1966 of operational
interest to DDO

Shannon

He is mentioned in the John Roselli
file as a personal friend of Roselli. It
is further noted that Shannon knew Roselli
but nature & extent of their official/social
relationship is unknown.

30 August 1966 request by S/P B. Schmid.
C. Rudiger, Alexandria FPD office.
- Cuban contacts of Roselli

1. Juan Ota

was an official of the Castro Govt
circa 1960-61 and was a contact of
Santos Trafficante. Ota was reportedly solicited
by Trafficante to make the arrangement attempt
against Castro.

2. Tony Varona

Whom Juan Ota was not successful
in carrying out the mission against Castro.
Trafficante suggested Varona be used. Roselli
contacted Varona. Varona was to use

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parents of his son to carry out the mission
Varnum also reportedly used his son's initials
to assist him in this effort but there is
no identifying info in regard to the mission

3. Roselli had a man, also known as
Miami, known to Harvey as "Marco",
who also used the names Garcia Gomez
and Oodag. Harvey was unable to
identify Marco, who was described as
Cuban who spoke Italian.

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4. No info in regard to death or
wounds sustained against Roselli or
Cuban in G1 or Miami, Panama - Trapp,
Sumner, or Morgan in C1

3. Memo 15 Feb 1972

4. This Agency was aware that Roselli
intended to expose his participation in the
plot should we not intervene on
his behalf. The DCP decided to
ignore his threats and take a calculated
risk as to the consequences that may occur
by the disclosure of his story. There was
subsequent denials by Roselli or someone
on his behalf furnishing facts & names
details of the incident.

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Memorandum 20 May 1971

Subject: Inter Tel

Magna had been engaged by Hughes Tool Corp. for the Michurin efforts. (H. P. Paine former Agency man, Inter Tel now, said Magna may discuss it with some Hughes officials, that they had better take it 'easy' on Michurin because of his past involvement w/ CIA.

I John Southard - in 1962-64 was in touch w/ Mahan & immediately worked out details of a non official cover arrangement w/ Aircraft Div of Hughes Tool.

For past several Magna had been quite mild.

In May 10, 1971 Mr. Paine said Mahan & Braden are involved together in some oil & gas deals. I noted being into this & all other such similar matters to trace the source & disposition of funds. Recent report by Braden re Mahan roll in the Cuban Republic was a deliberate exposure - instigated by Bob Mahan using his son Peter as an intermediary.

Paine's theory is that Mahan prob. that such publicity would 'scare them off'. The Inter Tel staff is aware of a series of contacts & meetings between Peter Mahan and John Anderson is a member of his staff.

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19 Nov 1970

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For: D.C.I.

Sully Roselli, Jr.

2. In August 1969 Mr. Richard M. Bissell advised
Cpt. Sheffield Edwards to inform of the office of
Security had assets that may assist in a
possible mission requiring guerrilla-type
action. The mission target was Fidel Castro.

5. Mr. Milken advised that he had met
one J.R. on several occasions without verifying him.
He only knew him casually per. events, but
was given to understand that he was a
"high ranking member" of the "syndicate" and was
all of the old money. Milken on the spot.

Milken stated that, if R was in fact a
member of the club, he undoubtedly
had connections with the Cuban
guerrilla efforts.

6. Milken to approach R. who knew him as a p.r.
man. handling frontiers & foreign affairs.

7. Pitch made on 14 Sept 1960 at Hilton Plaza.
His initial reaction was to avoid getting involved
but, thru Mr. Johnson, he agreed to introduce
him to a friend Sam Gold who knew "a
Cuban crowd." No money spent or paid.

8. During the week of 25 Sept, Milken
introduced to Sam Gold at the Fontainebleau.
It was several months after his meeting
w/ Sam and Joe, who was also a high

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- to him as a courier operating between Havana & Miami that he saw photos in Sunday "Supplement" of Parade.
9. In discussing the possible methods of accomplishing this mission Sam suggested that they not resort to firearms but if he could be furnished some type of potent pill that could be placed in Castro's food or drink, it would be a much more effective operation. Sam indicated that he had a prospective nominee in the person of Juan Orta, a Cuban official who had been receiving back payments from the quantity of imports, who still had access to Castro and was in a financial bind.
10. Joe delivered the pills to Orta. After several weeks of repeated attempts, Orta apparently got cold feet & asked out of the assignment. He suggested another candidate who made several attempts w/out success.
11. Joe then indicated that Dr. Gregory Mann had been approached w/ the apparent-infectious properties of the formula and was willing to handle the mission thru his own resources.
12. He asked, as a prerequisite to the deal, that he may be given \$10,000 for negotiated expenses & \$100 for commission.

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7 Feb 62
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secret, brief R.F. on circumstances leading up
to making in regard to work. At our request previously
dropped.
17. May 1962 Harry took over as Case
officer & it is not known by this office
whether R was used operationally from
that point on

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17. Illegal entry R.W. 1967

18. 2 Dec 1968 R. involved in Fusion.

19. Harry reported to Office of Security his
contacts w/ R in Nov - Dec 1967 & Jan 1968.
It was his belief that Johnny was in contact
with Agency for assistance in deportation
under the actual false documents.

R expressed confidence that he would win
an appeal.

20. 17 Nov 1970.

Mahon called J. Connell to advise
that Mahon's attorney, Ed Morgan, had
received a call from Tim Widdon who stated
appeal exhausted & R. faced deportation.

If someone did interfere on R's
behalf, he would make a complete
expose of his activities in Agency.

21. 18 Nov 1970. D.C.F. brief & direct
not to assist R. Mahon was so
pleased by Agency position & he was a
complete opponent w/ the State. He further
advised that he was not concerned about
any publicity as it affected him personally.

Madison brief June 18/1971

to attempt to build better, but turn on a

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rooftop; last of Feb or first of March 1963
March 13, 1964 R delivered capsules to his
contact at Fontainebleau

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- a few weeks later came ill

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Feb 23, 1971

Once he called on the radio from
San Francisco to line up a contact.
The confidential files report that he had
"gambly interest and an interest in the
shrimp business in Cuba". However, the
his gangster took no direct part in the
massive plot.

19 Dec 1967

Memorandum For Record

Telephone conversation - Harry & Howard Osborn

2. The first involved Dir of Security
the subject of our last business conversation
i.e. J.R. the validity of the Justice Dept case
against him; & whether or not the Justice Dept
to consider any possible intervention on
his behalf

3. Harry indicated that he thought the
policy of "sitting tight" might be alright,
but that he felt "it would be a simple
matter for the D.O. to see Howard personally
& determine on an unopposed, non-judicial basis
what actual case the Justice Dept had.

Osborn - speculator / Harry thought
just not validly used for purpose of
Harry to work for Osborn

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11 Dec 1967
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1. Harry reported London meeting w/ Papich on 8th Dec. & Osborn on Dec 9th

2. 26 Nov. 1967 R calls Harry who met him at Madison Hotel for 3 hrs.

27 Nov, they "bumped" into Jim Byrd & Harry introduced R as "Mr. Redden."

28 Nov spent 11 hours at Pittsburg

4. Harry to Harry, County Club.

R in town to see Morgan re a radio station in San Jose. Not worried re what he brought.

- R said he had not seen anyone since 1965 (Papich checking & may respond to Harry)

- R I/n spec or imply that he wanted help from Agency.

6. Jolly told Harry re London meeting w/ Col. Edwards in 1964 & they met w/ Col. Edwards w/ Miller & R in Cal when he returned from duty in Taiwan

7. Harry insists that he must know status of case. If it is a good case, Harry feels this. Harry must exert influence to have the matter "handled". If it is not a good case, Harry will tell Jolly & he will settle it over.

10. Harry independent in reporting this matter was never to be passed Agency

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He had my the highest regard for Hany
and the way we had handled his problem.

8 Nov 1967

R. Hany is source

R called on Oct 22nd & 27th. but
Hany refused to discuss R's activity

- R wondered if Hany would not
do as much for him as it did for Mahan.
Ed Morgan knows what Hany did for Mahan
w/ Sen. Long & had told Hany about this.

4 Oct 67

Osborn & Hany at lunch.

- R quite vehement & bitter re
Mahan indirectly. Mahan would "sell anyone
down the river to protect his interest."

- Dor had sent Hany a news clipping
re use of banana. R said leak came
from Sen. Kennedy office when he was still in

Eyes Only Mahan

28 April 67

1. Mahan allegedly contacted some high level
officials in govt indirectly he had a client
who had been involved in an espionage matter.

~~Mahan~~ recalled & said he had told Mahan
when Hany alleged on Long subpoena.

2. Mahan nearly upset & said if he
had been identified as client source

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5. No knowledge of mission after April 1962
& never discussed latter phases w/ R.
6. Makin - R met Magon thru Pearson
in 1950's when Magon was legal work
for Lee Vigen Inc.

R & Magon in Vigen small boat in
March. John Pearson in turn "it was Makin's
recollection that these individuals spent
some time together. He was under the
impression that they sought legal advice
from Magon but did not have taken other
measures.

7. Claimed R had "detached" capacity
during 1940's old girl & accused of ^{Shirley} ~~harassment~~
for failing to report. R putting pressure
for Makin to hire his friends.

8. Believed Magon had done some
work for Pearson & did know that Hudson
had more than a passing acquaintance w/
Magon.

Magon fought w/ Pat Cayne for
N/SR.

9. Knows only heavy portions of the
FBI but does know details.

10. It is evident that Makin is deeply
concerned about possibility of being involved
w/ Castro project. Not proper cooperation w/
Magon involved.

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Sen Long Mahan

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Schenker, Long's personal staff, told him that Mahan would be in Army.

7 June 66

Mahan reported to Morgan in July w/ St Louis staff, a personal friend of Long, re Mahan's appearance.

3. Fensterwald had identified some names, etc by name to O Connell & Col. Edwards.

In the case of Sam, Ed Dubois & a couple of his technicians now were of Mahan's file-in w/ Francine.

31 May 1966

Mahan asked if "Sam plants" were in the wind

12. Morgan had advised Mahan that he knew Long's personal staff who spoke great influence in Long. They flew to St Louis & then the 3 men flew to D.C. & met w/ Long & Fensterwald. Fensterwald wanted Mahan as his "man on the hill" in that Mahan clients there great appeal for T.V. Also that Mahan and Long put enough to build friend. When Long says so, Fensterwald would proceed.

13. Mahan client plan to fly to

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Sam thru a series of circumstances
that were planned at our request.
The then R.D. REX was orally
briefed on the background that led up
to Makui's movement & a Top Secret
document furnished to JAFSA Dept
which served as a backup of the
briefing

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